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試題本文

Have you ever encountered some gray, green and yellow boxes on your Twitter or Facebook feeds? Perhaps the answer is Y-E-S! Meet Wordle, one of the most sought-after puzzle games that has taken the world by storm. Interestingly, the game was originally designed by Josh Wardle, a software engineer, for his puzzle-loving girlfriend. He even playfully named it after his last name, Wardle. Little did he know that this sweet little act between lovers would be all the rage within a short period. During its launch in November, 2021, only ninety people played it. Yet there was a sudden and meteoric rise, up to millions of players within four months. So, what is Wordle and what is the appeal of this game?

Wordle is a web-based word game that features a new five-letter puzzle every day. Players are allowed to solve the puzzle once per day within 6 attempts. To start, players enter a real random word. Each letter will turn green, yellow, or gray. Green boxes mean the correct letters in the right spaces. Yellow ones indicate they are in the word but the wrong spots. Gray ones mean they are not parts of the answer. Here are several witty strategies for the starting word, which is used for the first attempt. Since most words tend to have common letters and vowels, guessing words with non-repeated high-frequency consonants (r, t, n, s) or multiple vowels helps. Try A-R-I-S-E instead of P-I-Z-Z-A next time, and maybe they'll help you become a C-H-A-M-P.

So how did this daily challenge evolve from a plain word game to what is now a phenomenon? The answer is simplicity, shareability, and scarcity. Compared to other paid apps, Wordle is a free web-based game that requires no membership and pricing plans. More importantly, they can share their results with color-coded grids, only that the letters are gone. It gives the players' followers a sense of progress every day without spoiling the puzzle. Once the players fail after six attempts, they have to wait fretfully until tomorrow—as there is only one word a day. When most other games are created to get players addicted, Wordle leaves its players wanting more.

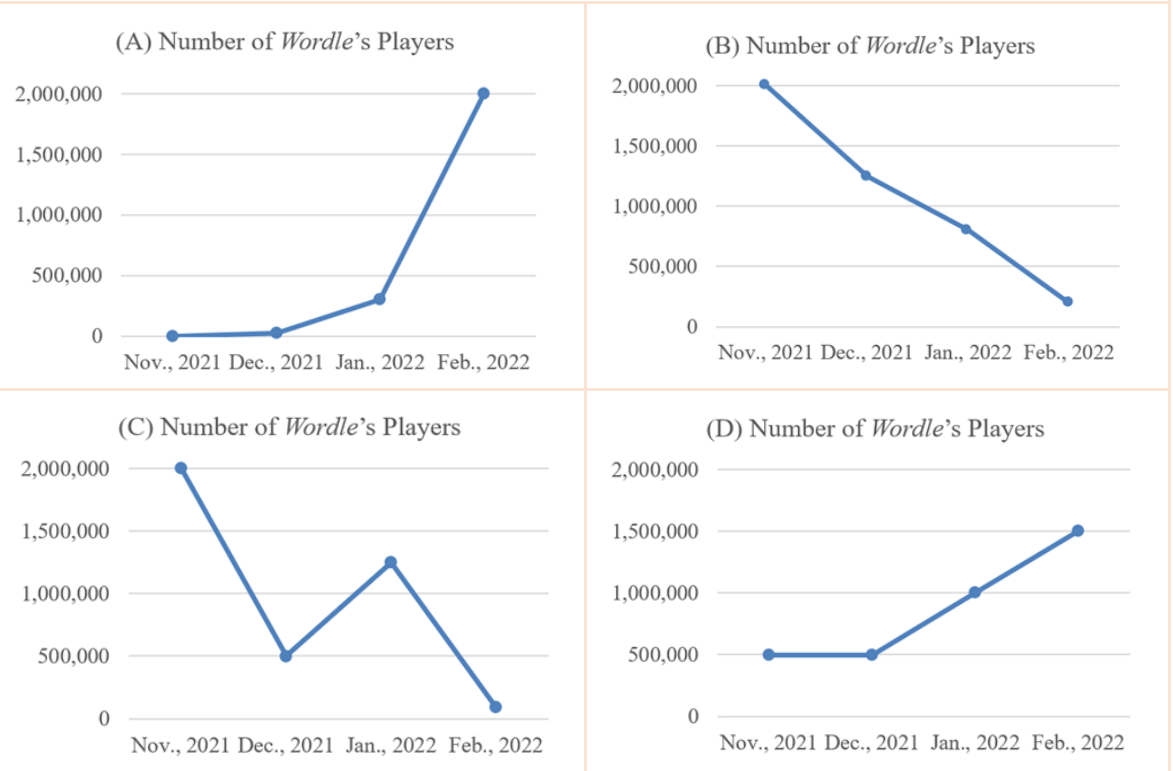
In addition to the appeal of its game design, Wordle also plays a critical role during the COVID-19 pandemic. When people are bombarded by depressing news, Wordle fosters an online community and provides a great conversation starter for people. During this era of isolation, remote jobs, and social distancing, the challenging and compelling “competition” is a lovely distraction. It seems to be telling people that even when the world is falling into pieces, there is still something small and definite that can soothe their pandemic blue. Happy puzzling!

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Q1

Which of the following charts best shows the growth of Wordle's players?



正解：A

Q2

Please COPY a word, a phrase, or a complete sentence in the third paragraph to complete the table.

	(1)		
	Simplicity	Shareability	(3)
supporting sentences	(2)	They can share their results with color-coded grids, only that the letters are gone.	Once the players fail within six attempts, they have to wait fretfully until tomorrow—as there is only one word a day.

(1): _____

(2): _____

(3): _____

參考答案：

以滿分作為給分示例：

2-(1)(So,) how did Wordle evolve from a plain word game to what has now become a phenomenon?

2-(2) Compared to other paid apps, Wordle is a free web-based game that requires no membership and pricing plans.

2-(3) Scarcity

Q3

Which of the following words or phrases are used in the passage to refer to the game, Wordle?

- (A) sought-after puzzle games, five-letter puzzle
- (B) this daily challenge, color-coded grids
- (C) sought-after puzzle games, this daily challenge
- (D) five-letter puzzle, a lovely distraction

正解：D

Q4

The following is Kevin's shared post on Facebook. With the tips mentioned in the passage, Kevin solved the word puzzle at the fifth attempt today. Based on his post, what might be the word that Kevin guessed at the second attempt? (多選題)

- (A) month (B) doubt (C) bonny(D) print (E) godly

1 st attempt	a	r	i	s	e	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 10px;"> <div> = green</div> <div> = yellow</div> <div> = gray</div> </div>
2 nd attempt						
5 th attempt	f	o	u	n	d	
6 th attempt						

正解：A, E

Q5

In the reading passage, several witty strategies are mentioned as suggestions for starting words. First, listen to the conversation and read the relevant information in the reading passage. Then discuss whether a certain word is a good starting word and provide one reason to justify your answer. Present your answer orally and upload the audio file to Google Classroom.

Listening Transcript:

Man: Alright, here we go! What did you go with the starting word yesterday?

Woman: I did "title" and I got it in three guesses.

Man: Oh! That's special. I usually go with "loved." No repeating letters.

Woman: So, you are confident that the "V" is going to be in this word?

Man: Yeah. I think it's better to have more consonants.

5-(1) (Listening)

What does the woman imply when she said "So you are confident that the "V" is going to be in this word?"

- (A) She is surprised that the man has never played the game.
- (B) She doesn't believe the letter "V" is a common choice for the puzzle.
- (C) She considers the man's starting word to be better than hers.
- (D) She thinks "title" is a perfect choice for the first guess.

5-(2) (Speaking)

If you are the woman, how will you express your doubt about the man's starting word? Please express your opinion based on the conversation. Start with "I don't believe the best starting word is..." and "because..." Your opinion should be followed by one supporting sentence based on the information in the reading above.

參考答案：

5-(1): B

5-(2) I don't believe the best starting word is "loved" because V is not a high-frequency consonant.